FIREBRAND

THE INITIATION OF NATALI PRESANO

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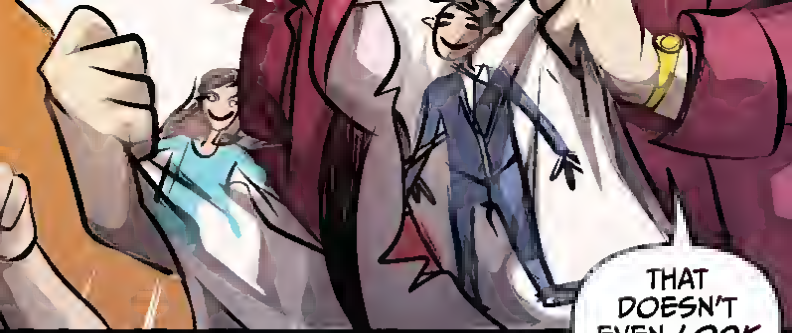
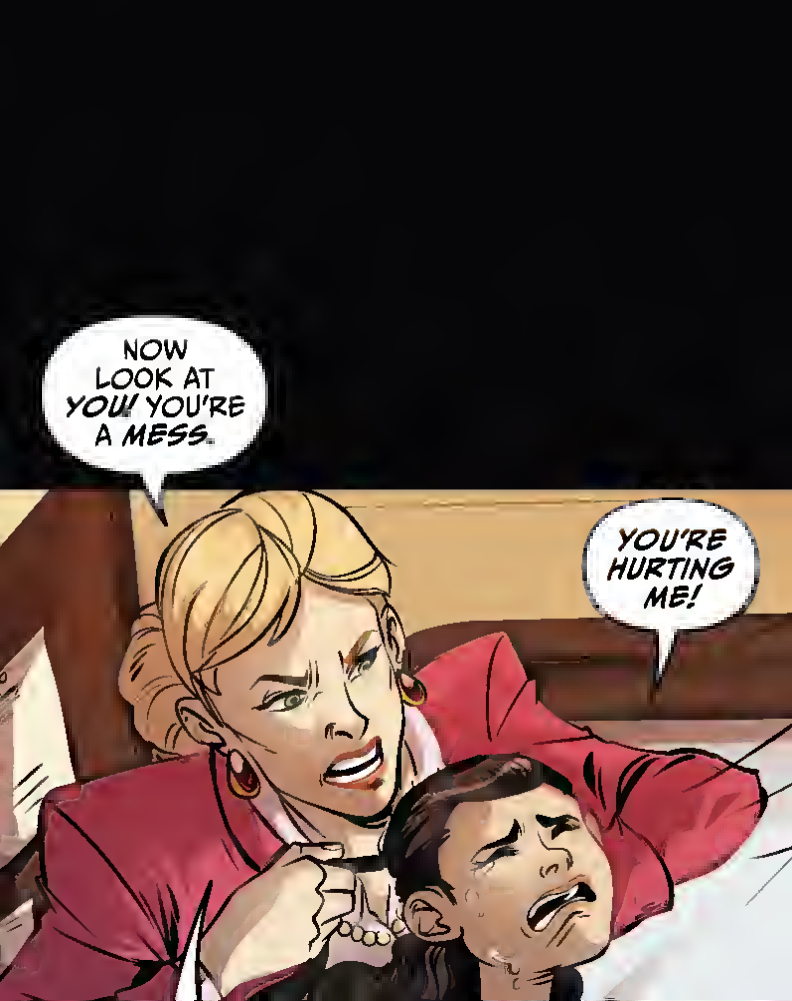
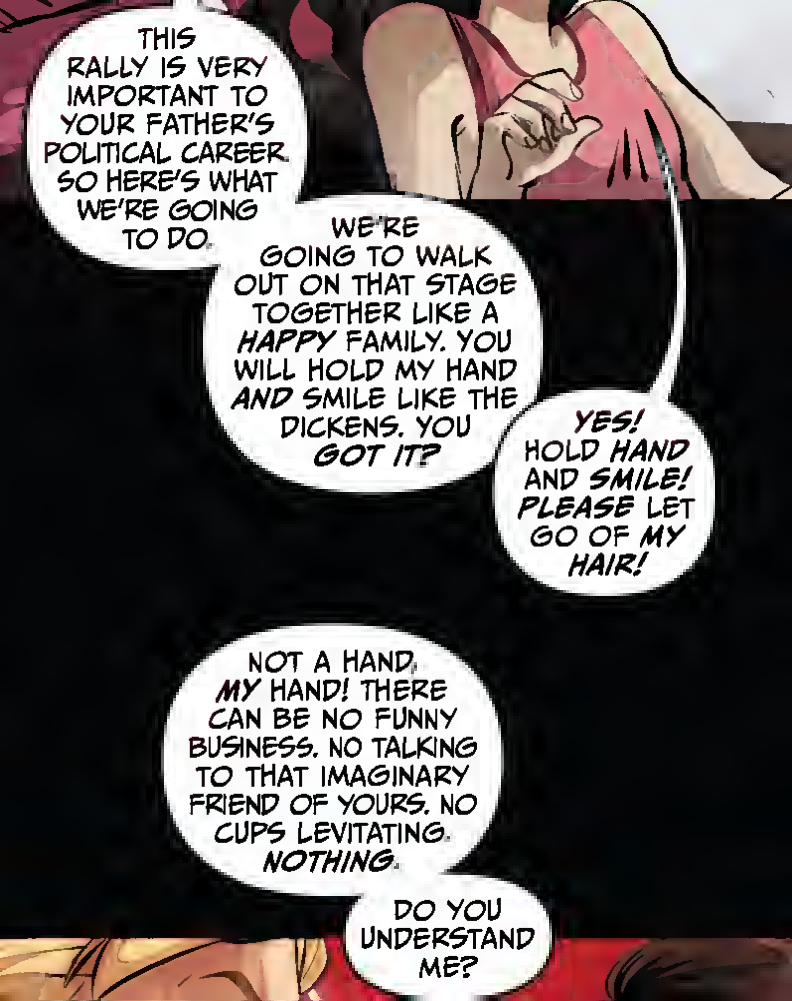
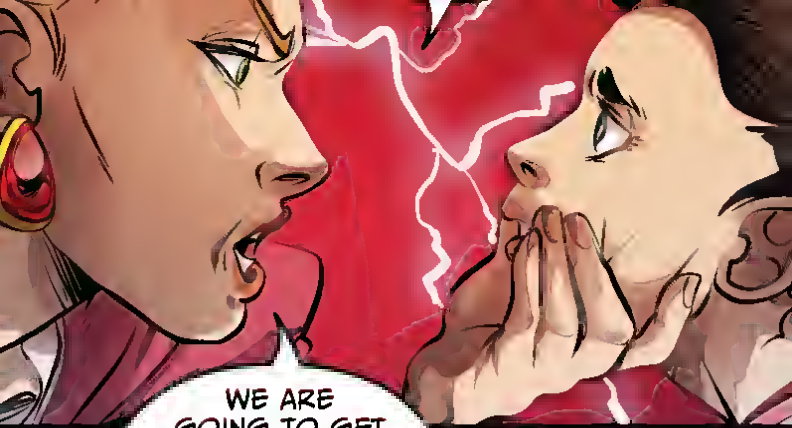

THAT DOESN'T EVEN LOOK LIKE ME!


NOW LOOK AT *YOU!* YOU'RE A *MESS.*
YOU'RE HURTING ME!


THIS RALLY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO YOUR FATHER'S POLITICAL CAREER. SO HERE'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO.
WE'RE GOING TO WALK OUT ON THAT STAGE TOGETHER LIKE A *HAPPY* FAMILY. YOU WILL HOLD MY HAND *AND* SMILE LIKE THE DICKENS. YOU *GOT IT?*
YES! HOLD *HAND* AND *SMILE!* *PLEASE* LET GO OF *MY HAIR!*
NOT A HAND, *MY* HAND! THERE CAN BE NO FUNNY BUSINESS. NO TALKING TO THAT IMAGINARY FRIEND OF YOURS. NO CUPS LEVITATING. *NOTHING.*
DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME?


WE ARE GOING TO GET THROUGH THIS LAST STOP WITHOUT AN INCIDENT, OR SO HELP ME GOD I PROMISE YOU I WILL HAVE YOU LOCKED UP AND YOU WILL NEVER SEE YOUR FATHER AGAIN.

JUDY NEVER MINCED WORDS. I GOT IT. SHE WAS LASHING OUT, AFRAID OF WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN IN FRONT OF ALL THOSE

PEOPLE. HONESTLY, SO WAS I.

PLEASE WELCOME THE MAN OF THE HOUR, AND THE BEST MAN TO REPRESENT THE GREAT STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR THE NEXT SIX YEARS, JAMES PRESSLEY!
JAMES PRESSLEY

HOLD TIGHT, NATALI.
DADDY!

HURRAY!
HURRAY!

JAMES PRESSLEY
HWEE HWOO
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
HWEE HWOO

GASP!

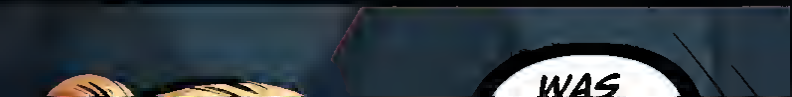
OH NO!
THUD

SHE'S FINE. I'VE GOT

HER.
POOR LITTLE THING.
HOPE SHE'S OKAY.

DADDY!

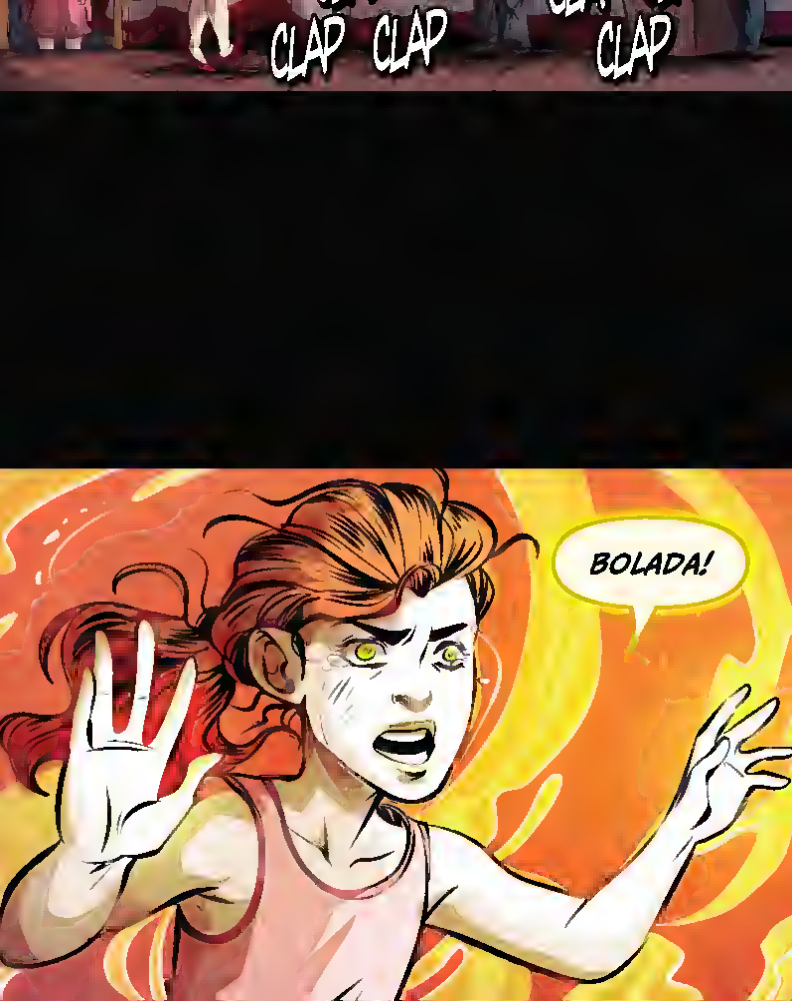
OW!


WAS

THAT HAPPY? WAS IT?

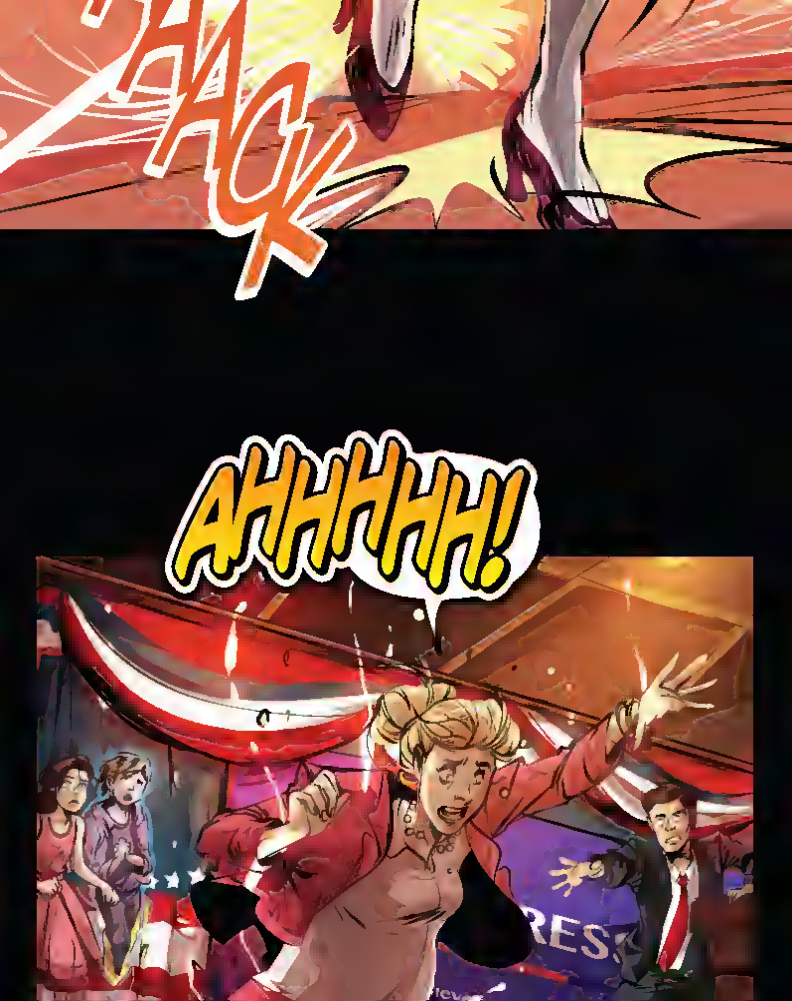
YOU'VE RUINED EVERYTHING!
SMACK

I ACTUALLY HADN'T RUINED EVERYTHING... YET.


CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
BOLADA!

NATALI!
NO!

SCHRAA


AHHHHH!

JUDY!
OH MY GOD!
HELP HER!

THE BABY...

NOW I'D RUINED EVERYTHING.

JUDY WAS RIGHT, NATALI. WE *NEED* HELP. SHE FOUND A PLACE THAT CAN HELP US. HELP YOU. I THINK WE'RE GOING TO TRY IT, JUST FOR A LITTLE WHILE. I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU THERE IN THE MORNING.
I'M SORRY, DADDY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT JUDY OR THE BABY. PLEASE. *PLEASE* DON'T SEND ME AWAY. I'LL BE BETTER. I WON'T GET ANGRY ANYMORE. *PLEEEASE!*
IT ISN'T THAT EASY,

NATALI. YOU'RE OUT OF CONTROL.

YOU PROMISED MOM YOU'D TAKE CARE OF ME. YOU SAID WE'D ALWAYS BE

TOGETHER.
I KNOW WHAT I PROMISED BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO.

I LOVE YOU, DADDY.

LUKEN, THEY'RE SENDING ME AWAY. I'M SO SCARED.
THEY CAN'T IF YOU'RE NOT HERE. COME WITH ME.
WHERE?
YOUR AUNT IS WAITING FOR YOU. YOU BELONG WITH HER. YOU ALWAYS HAVE.

WHAT AUNT?

SELENA, YOUR MOTHER'S TWIN SISTER. SHE'S WAITING FOR YOU.

LOCKED UP IN A LOONY BIN OR RUNAWAY? WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

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